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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/07/06

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED _____ HB 467

SHORT TITLE NM Tech I-Casa Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 467 appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMTech) to support computer security efforts and provide matching funds for federal contracts at the Institute for Complex Additive System Analysis (ICASA).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund. These funds would augment a recurring base appropriation of approximately \$523,000 contained in the General Appropriation Act for this program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was included among the special program funding requests submitted by NMTech

to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. However, this proposal was not included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

These funds would augment an existing program at NMTech. No significant additional administrative impact is evident if this legislation is adopted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Information provided through HED indicates that the Institute for Complex Additive Systems Analysis (ICASA) is a cooperative alliance among academia, industry, and government that NMTech administers under contract with the Department of Defense along with the support of the State of New Mexico. This alliance is dedicated to studying the behavior, vulnerabilities, and predictability of complex systems through ICASA's unique approach, known as the Complex Additive Systems Analysis (CASA) process. ICASA's basic research focus is to understand the additive effects (or unintended consequences) of efficient design in interdependent systems of systems, and applying this research to real-world problems.

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